

critical electric infrastructure or serve defense and military installations, so as to enable efficient delivery of equipment to such sites;

(E) the necessary degree of flexibility of spare large power transformers to be included in the Strategic Transformer Reserve to conform to different substation configurations, including consideration of transformer—

(i) power and voltage rating for each winding;

(ii) overload requirements;

(iii) impedance between windings;

(iv) configuration of windings; and

(v) tap requirements;

(F) an estimate of the direct cost of the Strategic Transformer Reserve, as proposed, including—

(i) the cost of storage facilities;

(ii) the cost of the equipment; and

(iii) management, maintenance, and operation costs;

(G) the funding options available to establish, stock, manage, and maintain the Strategic Transformer Reserve, including consideration of fees on owners and operators of bulk-power system facilities, critical electric infrastructure, and defense and military installations relying on the Strategic Transformer Reserve, use of Federal appropriations, and public-private cost-sharing options;

(H) the ease and speed of transportation, installation, and energization of spare large power transformers to be included in the Strategic Transformer Reserve, including consideration of factors such as—

(i) transformer transportation weight;

(ii) transformer size;

(iii) topology of critical substations;

(iv) availability of appropriate transformer mounting pads;

(v) flexibility of the spare large power transformers as described in subparagraph (E); and

(vi) ability to rapidly transition a spare large power transformer from storage to energization;

(I) eligibility criteria for withdrawal of equipment from the Strategic Transformer Reserve;

(J) the process by which owners or operators of critically damaged large power transformers or substations that are critical electric infrastructure or serve defense and military installations may apply for a withdrawal from the Strategic Transformer Reserve;

(K) the process by which equipment withdrawn from the Strategic Transformer Reserve is returned to the Strategic Transformer Reserve or is replaced;

(L) possible fees to be paid by users of equipment withdrawn from the Strategic Transformer Reserve;

(M) possible fees to be paid by owners and operators of large power transformers and substations that are critical electric infrastructure or serve defense and military installations to cover operating costs of the Strategic Transformer Reserve;

(N) the domestic and international large power transformer supply chain;

(O) the potential reliability, cost, and operational benefits of including emergency mobile substations in any Strategic Transformer Reserve established under this section; and

(P) other considerations for designing, constructing, stocking, funding, and managing the Strategic Transformer Reserve.

(d) **ESTABLISHMENT.**—The Secretary may establish a Strategic Transformer Reserve in accordance with the plan prepared pursuant to subsection (c) after the date that is 6 months after the date on which such plan is submitted to Congress.

(e) **DISCLOSURE OF INFORMATION.**—Any information included in the Strategic Transformer Reserve plan, or shared in the preparation and development of such plan, the disclosure of which could cause harm to critical electric infrastructure, shall be exempt from disclosure under section 552(b)(3) of title 5, United States Code, and any State, tribal, or local law requiring disclosure of information or records.

#### **SEC. 99005. ENERGY SECURITY VALUATION.**

(a) **ESTABLISHMENT OF ENERGY SECURITY VALUATION METHODS.**—Not later than one year after the date of enactment of this Act, the Secretary of Energy, in collaboration with the Secretary of State, shall develop and transmit, after public notice and comment, to the Committee on Energy and Commerce and the Committee on Foreign Affairs of the House of Representatives and the Committee on Energy and Natural Resources and the Committee on Foreign Relations of the Senate a report that develops recommended United States energy security valuation methods. In developing the report, the Secretaries may consider the recommendations of the Administration's Quadrennial Energy Review released on April 21, 2015. The report shall—

(1) evaluate and define United States energy security to reflect modern domestic and global energy markets and the collective needs of the United States and its allies and partners;

(2) identify transparent and uniform or coordinated procedures and criteria to ensure that energy-related actions that significantly affect the supply, distribution, or use of energy are evaluated with respect to their potential impact on energy security, including their impact on—

(A) consumers and the economy;

(B) energy supply diversity and resiliency;

(C) well-functioning and competitive energy markets;

(D) United States trade balance; and

(E) national security objectives; and

(3) include a recommended implementation strategy that identifies and aims to ensure that the procedures and criteria referred to in paragraph (2) are—

(A) evaluated consistently across the Federal Government; and

(B) weighed appropriately and balanced with environmental considerations required by Federal law.

(b) **PARTICIPATION.**—In developing the report referred to in subsection (a), the Secretaries may consult with relevant Federal, State, private sector, and international participants, as appropriate and consistent with applicable law.

The Acting CHAIR. Pursuant to House Resolution 512, the gentleman from Oklahoma (Mr. MULLIN) and a Member opposed each will control 5 minutes.

The Chair recognizes the gentleman from Oklahoma.

Mr. MULLIN. Madam Chair, I am offering this amendment on behalf of Chairman UPTON. I would like to thank him for his leadership on the energy issues.

This is a noncontroversial provision that had bipartisan support when it was reported out of the full committee. I would urge my colleagues to support it.

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Madam Chair, I yield such time as he may consume to the gentleman from Texas (Mr. OLSON) for the purpose of supporting the amendment.

Mr. OLSON. Madam Chair, I thank my friend from Oklahoma.

Madam Chair, a special thanks to the gentleman from Michigan (Mr. UPTON), my committee chairman, for having this amendment in this important highway bill. This amendment is common sense. There is a great saying in America, "The third time is a charm."

These exact words have passed this body three straight times. In the 112th, the 113th, and the current 114th Congress, this exact language has passed this body without objection, all "yea" votes. It is noncontroversial.

This amendment does one simple thing. It ensures that our power grid will be reliable in a power crisis, and that crisis won't become a legal crisis as has happened at least two times in the last 10 years.

It is the same scenario: there is a power crisis, the entity that controls the grid says to keep that grid up and running, the operator says we will see our permits from EPA, they do that, and they are sued. This amendment says to stop that practice. If you are told to keep the grid up and running, you can do that for at least 16 days.

Madam Chair, I urge my colleagues to support this amendment one more time because right now we have the chance to have it go to the President and become signed into law to make our grid safer and more reliable for future Americans.

Mr. MULLIN. Madam Chair, I yield back the balance of my time.

The Acting CHAIR. The question is on the amendment offered by the gentleman from Oklahoma (Mr. MULLIN).

The amendment was agreed to.

Mr. MULLIN. Madam Chair, I move that the Committee do now rise.

The motion was agreed to.

Accordingly, the Committee rose; and the Speaker pro tempore (Mr. OLSON) having assumed the chair, Ms. FOXX, Acting Chair of the Committee of the Whole House on the state of the Union, reported that that Committee, having had under consideration the Senate amendments to the bill (H.R. 22) to amend the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to exempt employees with health coverage under TRICARE or the Veterans Administration from being taken into account for purposes of determining the employers to which the employer mandate applies under the Patient Protection and Affordable Care Act, had come to no resolution thereon.

#### **HOURLY OF MEETING ON TOMORROW**

Mr. MULLIN. Mr. Speaker, I ask unanimous consent that when the House adjourns today, it adjourn to meet at 9 a.m. today.

The SPEAKER pro tempore. Is there objection to the request of the gentleman from Oklahoma?

There was no objection.

# APPOINTMENT OF MEMBERS TO SELECT INVESTIGATIVE PANEL OF THE COMMITTEE ON ENERGY AND COMMERCE

The SPEAKER pro tempore. The Chair announces the Speaker's appointment, pursuant to section 2(a) of House Resolution 461, 114th Congress, and the order of the House of January 6, 2015, of the following Members to the Select Investigative Panel on the Committee on Energy and Commerce:

Ms. SCHAKOWSKY, Illinois  
Mr. NADLER, New York  
Ms. DEGETTE, Colorado  
Ms. SPEIER, California  
Ms. DELBENE, Washington  
Mrs. WATSON COLEMAN, New Jersey

## LEAVE OF ABSENCE

By unanimous consent, leave of absence was granted to:

Mr. DEFAZIO (at the request of Ms. PELOSI) for today after 10 p.m. and November 5 on account of medical emergency.

## ADJOURNMENT

Mr. MULLIN. Mr. Speaker, I move that the House do now adjourn.

The motion was agreed to; accordingly (at 1 o'clock and 5 minutes a.m.), under its previous order, the House adjourned until today, Thursday, November 4, 2015, at 9 a.m.

## EXECUTIVE COMMUNICATIONS, ETC.

Under clause 2 of rule XIV, executive communications were taken from the Speaker's table and referred as follows:

3372. A letter from the Assistant Secretary, Securities and Exchange Commission, transmitting the Commission's Major final rule — Crowdfunding [Release Nos.: 33-9974; 34-76324; File No.: S7-09-13] (RIN: 3235-AL37) received November 3, 2015, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); Added by Public Law 104-121, Sec. 251; to the Committee on Financial Services.

3373. A letter from the Assistant Secretary for Legislation, Department of Health and Human Services, transmitting the Administration's FY 2014 Performance Report to Congress for the Office of Combination Products, pursuant to the Medical Device User Fee and Modernization Act of 2002, Pub. L. 107-250, 21 U.S.C. 353(g); to the Committee on Energy and Commerce.

3374. A letter from the Assistant Secretary for Legislation, Department of Health and Human Services, transmitting the Department's annual report to Congress for FY 2014 regarding imported foods, pursuant to Sec. 1009 of the Food and Drug Administration Amendments Act of 2007, Pub. L. 110-85; to the Committee on Energy and Commerce.

3375. A letter from the Director, Defense Security Cooperation Agency, Department of Defense, transmitting a notice of Proposed Issuance of Letter of Offer and Acceptance to Turkey, Transmittal No. 14-01, pursuant to Sec. 36(b)(1) of the Arms Export Control Act, as amended, and certification, pursuant to 22 U.S.C. 2373(d); Foreign Assistance Act, Sec. 620C(d); (92 Stat. 739); to the Committee on Foreign Affairs.

3376. A letter from the Director, International Cooperation, Acquisition, Tech-

nology and Logistics, Department of Defense, transmitting the Department's intent to sign a Project Arrangement to the Memorandum of Understanding Between the Department of Defense of the United States of America and the Department of Defense of Australia, Transmittal No. 08-15, pursuant to Executive Order 13637 and, pursuant to 22 U.S.C. 2767(f); to the Committee on Foreign Affairs.

3377. A letter from the Chair, Board of Governors of the Federal Reserve System, transmitting the Board's Semiannual Report to Congress for the six-month period ending September 30, 2015, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. app. (Insp. Gen. Act) Sec. 5(b); Public Law 95-452, Sec. 5(b); to the Committee on Oversight and Government Reform.

3378. A letter from the Chairman, Board of Trustees and President, John F. Kennedy Center for the Performing Arts, transmitting the Center's report and attachments, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. app. (Insp. Gen. Act) Sec. 8G(h)(2); Public Law 100-504, Sec. 104(a); to the Committee on Oversight and Government Reform.

3379. A letter from the Acting Director, Office of Sustainable Fisheries, NMFS, National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration, transmitting the Administration's temporary rule — Fisheries of the Exclusive Economic Zone Off Alaska; Exchange of Flatfish in the Bering Sea and Aleutian Islands Management Area [Docket No.: 141021887-5172-02] (RIN: 0648-XE210) received November 3, 2015, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); Added by Public Law 104-121, Sec. 251; to the Committee on Natural Resources.

## REPORTS OF COMMITTEES ON PUBLIC BILLS AND RESOLUTIONS

Under Clause 2 of rule XIII, reports of committees were delivered to the Clerk for printing and reference to the proper calendar, as follows:

Mr. BISHOP of Utah: Committee on Natural Resources. H.R. 2130. A bill to provide legal certainty to property owners along the Red River in Texas, and for other purposes; with an amendment (Rept. 114-327). Referred to the Committee of the Whole House on the state of the Union.

## PUBLIC BILLS AND RESOLUTIONS

Under clause 2 of rule XII, public bills and resolutions of the following titles were introduced and severally referred, as follows:

By Mr. CHABOT (for himself, Mr. GOODLATTE, Mr. HARRIS, and Mr. BOUSTANY):

H.R. 3918. A bill to modify the provisions of the Immigration and Nationality Act relating to nonimmigrant visas issued under section 101(a)(15)(H)(ii)(b) of such Act, and for other purposes; to the Committee on the Judiciary, and in addition to the Committee on Ways and Means, for a period to be subsequently determined by the Speaker, in each case for consideration of such provisions as fall within the jurisdiction of the committee concerned.

By Mr. CÁRDENAS (for himself, Mrs. RADEWAGEN, Ms. BROWNLEY of California, Mr. JOLLY, Mr. RYAN of Ohio, Mr. BLUMENAUER, Mr. BISHOP of Georgia, Mr. JONES, Ms. JACKSON LEE, Mr. SERRANO, Ms. JUDY CHU of California, Mr. HONDA, Mr. GARAMENDI, Mrs. NAPOLITANO, Mr. BUTTERFIELD, Mr. VEASEY, Mr. SABLÁN, Ms. BORDALLO, Mr. KILMER, and Mr. VAN HOLLEN):

H.R. 3919. A bill to authorize the Secretary of Labor to award special recognition to employers for veteran-friendly employment practices; to the Committee on Education and the Workforce, and in addition to the Committee on Veterans' Affairs, for a period to be subsequently determined by the Speaker, in each case for consideration of such provisions as fall within the jurisdiction of the committee concerned.

By Mr. FITZPATRICK (for himself, Mrs. BLACKBURN, Mr. SMITH of New Jersey, and Mr. SABLÁN):

H.R. 3920. A bill to direct the Commissioner of Food and Drugs to issue an order withdrawing approval for Essure System; to the Committee on Energy and Commerce.

By Ms. VELÁZQUEZ:

H.R. 3921. A bill to amend the Securities Exchange Act of 1934 to require certain reporting by hedge funds that are the beneficial owner of more than 1 percent of a class of security, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Financial Services.

By Mr. KELLY of Pennsylvania (for himself and Mr. SAM JOHNSON of Texas):

H.R. 3922. A bill to amend the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 and the Employee Retirement Income and Security Act of 1974 to provide for a best interest standard for advice fiduciaries, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Education and the Workforce, and in addition to the Committee on Ways and Means, for a period to be subsequently determined by the Speaker, in each case for consideration of such provisions as fall within the jurisdiction of the committee concerned.

By Mr. HUDSON:

H.R. 3923. A bill to provide for a report that develops recommended United States energy security valuation methods; to the Committee on Energy and Commerce.

By Mr. CASTRO of Texas (for himself and Mr. MCCAUL):

H.R. 3924. A bill to establish in the United States Agency for International Development an entity to be known as the United States Global Development Lab, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Foreign Affairs.

By Mrs. DAVIS of California:

H.R. 3925. A bill to direct the Secretary of Education to carry out a program of canceling certain Federal student loans of principals in high need schools; to the Committee on Education and the Workforce.

By Mr. HONDA (for himself, Ms. NORTON, Mr. RYAN of Ohio, Mr. HASTINGS, Mr. BLUMENAUER, Ms. MICHELLE LUJAN GRISHAM of New Mexico, Mr. VAN HOLLEN, Mr. MURPHY of Florida, Mr. GALLEGOS, Mr. RANGEL, Mr. MCGOVERN, Ms. BROWNLEY of California, Mrs. LAWRENCE, Mr. GRIMALVA, Ms. MCCOLLUM, Mr. RICHMOND, Mr. CÁRDENAS, Ms. EDWARDS, Ms. MOORE, Mrs. WATSON COLEMAN, Ms. JACKSON LEE, Ms. VELÁZQUEZ, Ms. ESTY, Mrs. NAPOLITANO, Mr. FARR, Ms. CASTOR of Florida, Mr. LIPINSKI, Mr. RUSH, Mr. SIREN, Mr. NORCROSS, Mr. MEEKS, Ms. PINGREE, Mr. COHEN, Mr. CONNOLLY, Ms. ADAMS, Mr. RUPPERSBERGER, and Mr. MOULTON):

H.R. 3926. A bill to amend the Public Health Service Act to provide for better understanding of the epidemic of gun violence, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Energy and Commerce.

By Mr. HUFFMAN (for himself, Ms. JUDY CHU of California, Ms. BONAMICI, Mr. DEFAZIO, Mr. McDERMOTT, Mr. TED LIEU of California, Ms. ROYBAL-ALLARD, Ms. ESHOO, Mr. SCHRADER, Ms. LOFGREN,